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FOR CHARGE CARSON FROM AMBASSADOR STEVENSON

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SUBJ: ALLEGED COMMENTS OF PRESIDENT MACHEL ON MALAWI

1. THE INFORMATION CONTAINED REFTEL A IS VERY MUCH IN ACCORD WITH WHAT WE HAVE BEEN SEEING AND INTERPRETING FROM THIS END. IN MY LAST TALK WITH PRESIDENT BANDA HE WAS QUITE COMPLIMENTARY OF MACHEL'S CHARACTER AND I THINK HE IS QUITE INTERESTED IN REGULARIZING THE STATUS OF RELATIONS WITH MOZAMBIQUE, ALTHOUGH IT WILL BE DIFFICULT FOR HIM EVER TO MAKE THE FIRST MOVE.

2. BRITISH HIGH COMMISSIONER HAS TODAY SENT ME TEXT OF BBC AFRICAN SERVICE PROGRAM "FOCUS ON AFRICA" OF 26 SEPTEMBER WHICH INCLUDED A COMMENTARY ON MALAWI AND RHODESIA IN WHICH BEN MCNAUGHTON SAID "THERE IS ALREADY CLEAR IDEOLOGICAL HOSTILITY TOWARDS DR. BANDA FROM BOTH MOZAMBIQUE AND TANZANIA. DR. BANDA HAD A BAD RECORD IN HIS DEALINGS WITH FRELIMO DURING THEIR STRUGGLE FOR INDEPENDENCE, AND SAMORA MACHEL IS REPUTED TO HAVE SAID THAT MALAWI MUST

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COME NEXT IN THE LIBERATION OF SOUTHERN AFRICA. DR. BANDA HAS ALREADY SUFFERED THE SHOCKS OF AN INDEPENDENT MOZAMBIQUE GOVERNED BY A PARTY WITH RADICAL INTENTIONS AND HE CLEARLY WISHES TO AVOID THE POTENTIALLY FATAL ISOLATION TO WHICH A SIMILAR COURSE OF EVENTS IN RHODESIA MIGHT LEAD." ABOVE IS FAR FROM A DIRECT QUOTE OF MACHEL. PUZZLING TO ME IS WHY BBC WOULD MAKE THIS TYPE OF COMMENT WHICH IS NEEDLESSLY

PROVOCATIVE IN MY OPINION AND SEEMINGLY WITHOUT REASON.STEVENSON

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